

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Initially, the Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 5 and 6 contain allowable subject.

In the Official Action, the Examiner objects to the Drawings because Figure 10 should be designated by a legend, such as --Prior Art-- because only that which is old is illustrated therein. In response, Figure 10 has been amended as suggested by the Examiner. A replacement sheet for Figure 10 is enclosed herewith. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the objection to the Drawings be withdrawn.

In the Official Action, the Examiner objects to the drawings as failing to comply with 37 C.F.R. § 1.83(a) because the drawings do not show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Specifically, the Examiner argues that the bonding member comprising only a portion that continuously extends around the electrodes must be shown or the features canceled from claim 3. In response, claim 3 has been canceled thereby rendering the rejection thereof moot. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the objection to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. § 1.83(a) be withdrawn.

In the Official Action the Examiner indicates that the specification has not been checked to determine the presence of all possible minor errors. In response, the specification has been amended to correct several minor grammatical errors. The amendments to the specification are fully supported in the original disclosure and would be understood by those of ordinary skill in the art from the specification, including the Figures. Thus, no new matter has been entered into the disclosure by way of the present amendment to the specification.

In the Official Action, the Examiner objects to the Title of the invention as not being descriptive and requires a new Title that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed. In response, the title has been amended to --ELECTROSTATIC DRIVING DEVICE HAVING AN INTERVAL BETWEEN ELECTRODES FACING EACH OTHER AND MANUFACTURING METHOD OF THE SAME--. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the objection to the Title be withdrawn.

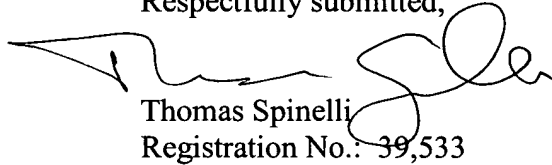
In the Official Action, the Examiner rejects claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0057506 to Kaneko. Additionally, the Examiner rejects claims 2-4 and 7-9 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kaneko in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,130,831 to Kohara. Furthermore, the Examiner rejects claims 10 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kaneko and Kohara and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,525,8654 to Gee et al.

In response, claims 1-4 and 11 have been canceled, thereby rendering the rejections thereof moot.

Furthermore, allowable claim 5 has been rewritten in independent form including the features of its base claim (1) and intervening claim (2). Lastly, claims 7, 8 and 10 have been amended to change their dependencies from canceled claims 1 or 2 to allowable claim 5. In light of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the claims of record patentably distinguish over the cited references and are allowable.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this application be allowed and a Notice of Allowance issued. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with Applicants' attorneys would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned.

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Encl. (Replacement Sheet For Figure 10)